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BLACK AND WHITE IN THE SOUTHERN STATES. A Study of the Race Problem in the United States from a South African Point of View. By Maurice S. Evans. London and New York: Longmans, Green, & Co.

Mr. Evans's, point of view has already received literary statement in his *Black and White in South-East Africa*, a book which was appreciatively received in South Africa and England. It is well that someone who "knows Africa" should give his views of the Negro Problem in the South in addition to Sir Harry Johnson's statement of the case several years ago. There is nothing new in the book, and it shows the usual failure to recognize De Tocqueville's principle that equality is the essence of democracy and the psychological and historical facts that all the "equalities" are at bottom based on potential social equality, which in turn depends on the right of intermarriage. Nevertheless, our author, in his summing-up (chapter thirty), admits that the white man will ever "rule and lead in the South." It is pathetic that he should express the hope, a few lines further down (p. 275), that there will be such an increase of Negro communities, little *imperia in imperiis*, that there will be a furtherance of "mutual tolerance." As if mutual tolerance were possible when all Americans claim equal rights and yet one race insists on leading and ruling the other merely by rights of race! If the Negro submits to this arrangement, he is a serf to all intents and purposes; if he does not submit, how will trouble be avoided?

Mr. Evans admits (1) that most skilled observers are pessimistic as to the future, and (2) that the Negro is inferior to the whites; but he seems to base at least some of his hopefulness on the proceedings of the Southern Sociological Congress held at Nashville several years ago. If he will now, in the year of grace 1916, ask himself what have been the practical results of that meeting and others like unto it, and what has become of the scheme for white and colored college and high-school students to "unite in social study and work" (p. 274), his tone of hopefulness may undergo some modification. He will find that pious palaver has been the bane of much well-intended study of the Negro Problem, and that divers Southern "leaders of thought and culture" do not understand the "hill-billies," the "red-necks," the "wool-hat boys," who really dominate the situation.

One little sentence in the preface of the book (p. vi) will enlighten the Southerner as to the significance of Mr Evans's honest and painstaking work so far as its real effectiveness is concerned. He says: ". . . I stayed at the homes of both black and white." Let him get the Southern white's reaction to that statement, and he will appreciate better the fatuousness of his kindly optimism.

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THE INCARNATION. By Francis J. Hall. New York: Longmans, Green & Co

This volume forms the sixth in the author's proposed series of ten, advertised as the "long desired Anglican summa of doctrine," "designed to constitute a connected treatment of the entire range of Catholic doctrine." Dr. Hall's position may be illustrated by combining his dedication "to the blessed memory of St. Leo the Great, whose epistle of Flavian called 'the Tome' has for many centuries exhibited the truth concerning Jesus Christ," with the following statement: "The writer believes that the Holy Spirit is employing the labors of modern scholars to purge from the church's traditional faith all post-apostolic accretions, to bring certain elements of it into clearer light, to enhance its ethical value, and to increase its persuasive power" (p. 29). In spite of the author's concessions to modern scholarship, he generally cites the results of it, from which he dissents, and remains at heart a fifth-century Catholic.

Dr. Hall's book will not escape the general criticism of those who feel the sterility of much theological controversy. The dogmatist attempts to explain matters which the Christ Himself left indefinite. The author is at his best when he is not attempting too close theological analysis, but is summarizing truths which are beyond controversy and to which Protestant and Catholic alike will gladly subscribe; as, for example, in his eloquent estimate of the personality and power and essential humanity of the Christ (pp. 201 ff.).

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INTER-AMERICAN ACQUAINTANCES. By Charles Lyon Chandler. Sewanee, Tennessee: The University Press. \$1.08.

This interesting and timely book accomplishes the double purpose of showing that the example and the moral and material